

LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2006 was 5.4 percent, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended August 19, 2005. This is an increase of 0.7 percentage points from the July 2006 rate of 4.7 percent and 0.1 percentage points higher than the August 2005 rate of 5.3 percent. The Canada seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2006 was 6.5 percent. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than July 2006 but 0.3 percentage points lower than the August 2005 level of 6.8 percent.

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 490,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2006, down 500 from the July 2006 level of 490,800 but is up 8,500 from the August 2005 employment level of 481,800 persons.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2006 was 5.8 percent. This is an increase of 1.2 percentage points from the July 2006 rate of 4.6 percent and 0.1 percentage points higher than the August 2005 level of 5.7 percent. Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage points to 6.8 percent from the July 2006 level of 6.7 percent. In August 2005, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 3,000 to 532,100 persons in August 2006 from 529,100 persons in July 2006. This is 10,100 more than the August 2005 labour force of 522,200 persons. The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.4 percentage points to 71.3 percent in August 2006 from 70.9 percent in July 2006. The August 2005 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.7 percent.

There were 501,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan during August 2006, a decrease of 3,300 from July 2006 but 9,200 more than the number employed in August 2005. Agricultural employment was 51,200 persons in August 2006, down 100 from the July 2006 level.

There were 30,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2006. This is an increase of 6,300 from July 2006 and is 900 more than the number unemployed in August 2005.

The attached tables provide additional details on labour force activity for Saskatchewan and Canada during the months of August 2006, July 2006 and August 2005.

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TABLE 1

LABOUR FORCE

	<u>August 2006</u>	<u>July 2006</u>	<u>August 2005</u>
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>			
Labour Force	532,100	529,100	522,000
Employed	501,500	504,800	492,300
<i>Full-Time</i>	428,800	424,500	411,500
<i>Part-Time</i>	72,700	80,300	80,800
Unemployed	30,600	24,300	29,700
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	4.6	5.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	4.7	5.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.3	70.9	69.7
<u>CANADA</u>			
Labour Force	18,023,700	18,057,700	17,778,400
Employed	16,792,000	16,856,800	16,508,500
<i>Full-Time</i>	14,240,300	14,187,500	13,920,800
<i>Part-Time</i>	2,551,700	2,669,300	2,587,700
Unemployed	1,231,600	1,200,900	1,269,900
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.7	7.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.5	6.4	6.8
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	68.9	68.8

TABLE 2

DETAILED SASKATCHEWAN UNADJUSTED SERIES

<u>Labour Force ('000)</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>15-24</u>	<u>25+</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>20-24</u>	<u>25-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
August 2006	532.1	284.5	247.6	111.8	420.3	49.7	62.1	212.2	189.6	18.6
July 2006	529.1	284.4	244.7	114.8	414.3	52.4	62.4	210.1	186.9	17.3
August 2005	522.0	282.8	239.3	106.9	415.2	47.4	59.5	213.4	184.3	17.4
<u>Employed ('000)</u>										
August 2006	501.5	270.8	230.7	103.5	398.1	45.0	58.5	198.9	180.9	18.4
July 2006	504.8	273.2	231.6	105.0	399.8	46.4	58.6	202.3	180.4	17.1
August 2005	492.3	268.8	223.6	96.1	396.2	42.1	54.1	202.9	176.1	17.2
<u>Unemployed ('000)</u>										
August 2006	30.6	13.7	16.9	8.4	22.2	4.7	3.6	13.3	8.7	0.0
July 2006	24.3	11.2	13.0	9.8	14.5	6.0	3.8	7.8	6.4	0.0
August 2005	29.7	14.0	15.7	10.8	18.9	5.3	5.5	10.5	8.2	0.0
<u>Unemployment Rate (%)</u>										
August 2006	5.8	4.8	6.8	7.5	5.3	9.5	5.8	6.3	4.6	0.0
July 2006	4.6	3.9	5.3	8.5	3.5	11.5	6.1	3.7	3.4	0.0
August 2005	5.7	5.0	6.6	10.1	4.6	11.2	9.2	4.9	4.4	0.0
<u>Participation Rate (%)</u>										
August 2006	71.3	77.3	65.5	81.1	69.1	73.0	89.1	90.0	79.5	13.9
July 2006	70.9	77.3	64.7	83.2	68.1	76.8	89.5	89.0	78.5	12.9
August 2005	69.7	76.6	63.0	77.1	68.1	69.0	85.0	88.4	78.5	13.0

Figures set to 0 (zero) if under 500 persons.

TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR MARKET - UNADJUSTED SERIES

<u>2004</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
*Labour Force	494.3	495.4	497.7	501.8	511.5	515.0	516.8	517.7	508.1	507.2	508.2	507.3	506.7
*Employment	463.2	464.8	465.2	472.6	486.8	492.4	489.0	489.3	482.8	485.5	483.9	480.9	479.7
*Full-Time	370.3	370.0	368.7	377.4	397.7	399.5	402.5	405.0	387.3	388.6	385.8	380.7	386.1
*Part-Time	92.9	94.8	96.5	95.1	89.1	92.9	86.5	84.3	95.5	96.8	98.1	100.2	93.6
*Unemployment	31.1	30.6	32.5	29.3	24.7	22.6	27.8	28.4	25.3	21.7	24.3	26.4	27.0
**Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.2	6.5	5.8	4.8	4.4	5.4	5.5	5.0	4.3	4.8	5.2	5.3
**Participation Rate	66.4	66.5	66.8	67.3	68.6	69.0	69.3	69.4	68.1	67.9	68.1	67.9	67.9
<u>2005</u>													
*Labour Force	501.6	503.8	507.5	504.0	517.4	519.7	522.7	522.0	508.4	503.4	503.3	499.1	509.4
*Employment	473.4	476.3	479.6	476.3	495.0	498.0	497.3	492.3	480.2	479.9	479.1	474.5	483.5
*Full-Time	374.1	375.8	379.8	384.4	402.1	405.7	412.7	411.5	386.5	381.2	382.3	380.5	389.7
*Part-Time	99.4	100.5	99.8	91.9	92.9	92.3	84.6	80.8	93.7	98.6	96.8	93.9	93.8
*Unemployment	28.1	27.5	28.0	27.7	22.5	21.6	25.4	29.7	28.2	23.5	24.2	24.6	25.9
**Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.1
**Participation Rate	67.1	67.4	67.8	67.3	69.1	69.4	69.8	69.7	67.9	67.2	67.2	66.7	68.1
<u>2006</u>													
*Labour Force	500.1	500.9	502.3	506.3	518.8	525.1	529.1	532.1					
*Employment	470.8	471.9	474.4	480.0	496.1	503.4	504.8	501.5					
*Full-Time	374.8	372.0	377.7	388.7	409.3	413.0	424.5	428.8					
*Part-Time	96.0	99.9	96.6	91.2	86.8	90.4	80.3	72.7					
*Unemployment	29.3	29.0	28.0	26.3	22.8	21.7	24.3	30.6					
**Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.2	4.4	4.1	4.6	5.8					
**Participation Rate	66.9	67.0	67.2	67.8	69.6	70.4	70.9	71.3					

* thousands

** percent

TABLE 4

EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY
SASKATCHEWAN 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
(Thousands)

<u>2003</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
Agriculture	45.4	43.9	43.6	45.9	51.1	50.7	48.3	48.5	44.8	46.9	45.0	44.9	46.6
Manufacturing	26.8	27.1	27.4	26.0	27.8	27.1	27.6	27.3	26.8	26.9	27.2	27.1	27.1
Construction	21.3	21.7	21.6	21.9	23.0	24.9	25.9	26.0	26.3	24.0	22.5	20.8	23.3
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	25.6	25.8	25.7	26.8	27.1	25.9	27.1	26.8	25.9	25.7	25.6	26.7	26.2
Trade	75.2	73.2	75.2	76.9	77.2	78.6	79.6	80.6	77.5	77.9	78.8	79.6	77.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leas.	27.4	27.7	28.2	28.8	29.7	28.9	29.4	28.6	27.2	27.4	27.2	26.9	28.1
Services	201.0	203.5	203.5	202.0	207.1	209.8	206.1	203.0	204.4	203.2	201.6	201.2	203.9
Public Admin.	24.3	24.8	24.3	24.2	25.7	28.2	27.9	30.1	26.5	26.9	26.6	25.6	26.2
Other Primary Ind.	16.4	16.9	17.4	15.0	15.4	17.2	18.0	17.8	17.5	17.4	17.7	18.4	17.1
Total All Industries	463.3	464.6	466.8	467.5	484.4	491.3	490.0	488.6	476.9	476.3	472.2	471.2	476.1

<u>2004</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
Agriculture	44.9	44.2	46.2	46.5	49.3	47.1	48.6	48.0	47.1	47.1	46.6	44.8	46.7
Manufacturing	27.2	26.9	27.4	28.3	28.5	31.1	30.3	30.6	29.1	28.4	28.4	29.0	28.8
Construction	19.2	19.2	19.4	20.5	23.8	25.5	27.8	28.1	26.3	28.2	25.9	24.6	24.0
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	25.9	25.8	25.5	26.8	28.5	29.1	27.9	27.8	29.0	27.9	28.7	28.1	27.6
Trade	75.3	74.6	74.0	75.7	77.6	76.7	78.8	78.7	77.5	77.4	77.9	76.6	76.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leas.	25.8	26.6	26.9	27.8	27.2	28.0	26.5	27.5	27.3	25.5	25.9	25.6	26.7
Services	201.2	203.0	202.2	204.4	208.0	209.9	202.4	201.6	201.2	206.0	205.8	207.2	204.4
Public Admin.	25.3	25.2	24.1	24.2	25.3	26.3	26.4	27.7	26.5	26.1	26.5	26.0	25.8
Other Primary Ind.	18.5	19.3	19.4	18.3	18.6	18.8	20.6	19.3	18.8	18.8	18.3	18.9	19.0
Total All Industries	463.2	464.8	465.2	472.6	486.8	492.4	489.0	489.3	482.8	485.5	483.9	480.9	479.7

Figures may not add to total due to rounding.

TABLE 4 (Continued)

EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY
SASKATCHEWAN 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
(Thousands)

<u>2005</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
Agriculture	44.0	43.9	45.1	44.5	49.1	49.2	50.9	49.9	47.7	48.2	44.5	42.1	46.6
Manufacturing	28.1	28.0	28.5	29.8	30.4	32.9	33.0	33.4	29.8	29.8	29.9	29.6	30.3
Construction	21.4	20.9	21.5	22.9	26.9	30.1	30.7	29.2	28.7	28.9	28.9	26.0	26.3
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	28.0	28.7	28.0	27.4	28.9	30.0	29.1	30.7	31.7	28.9	31.1	31.1	29.5
Trade	79.6	80.2	79.6	81.7	82.0	79.6	80.5	79.6	74.4	74.1	74.6	74.2	78.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leas.	24.3	25.7	26.3	24.6	25.9	26.6	25.7	27.8	26.3	25.1	24.9	25.6	25.7
Services	203.6	204.0	206.2	203.1	206.8	204.2	199.6	192.0	195.7	199.1	198.0	198.1	200.9
Public Admin.	25.4	25.7	26.8	26.3	27.3	26.7	30.3	29.9	26.8	27.0	27.4	27.1	27.2
Other Primary Ind.	19.0	19.2	17.7	16.0	17.6	18.7	17.6	19.7	19.0	18.8	19.8	20.6	18.6
Total All Industries	473.4	476.3	479.6	476.3	495.0	498.0	497.3	492.3	480.2	479.9	479.1	474.5	483.5
<u>2006</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
Agriculture	44.2	44.0	45.6	46.3	52.4	51.2	51.3	51.2					
Manufacturing	28.9	30.2	29.7	28.7	28.1	29.8	31.8	30.7					
Construction	24.9	25.3	25.7	27.0	30.7	30.9	34.0	32.2					
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	28.5	30.6	30.8	31.3	29.7	30.9	30.7	29.9					
Trade	72.9	76.1	76.0	80.6	79.2	79.3	80.2	78.9					
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leas.	26.6	25.4	25.8	25.5	25.4	25.0	24.5	26.2					
Services	196.5	191.9	192.9	196.1	202.5	207.1	200.6	200.2					
Public Admin.	27.2	27.0	26.9	25.4	27.6	29.4	29.1	29.7					
Other Primary Ind.	21.2	21.3	21.1	19.0	20.3	19.8	22.6	22.6					
Total All Industries	470.8	471.9	474.4	480.0	496.1	503.4	504.8	501.5					

Figures may not add to total due to rounding.

TABLE 5

PERCENTAGE UNEMPLOYED
CANADA AND PROVINCES 2005, 2006
(UNADJUSTED SERIES)

<u>2005</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
Canada	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.0	7.0	6.3	6.9	7.1	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.8
Nfld. & Lab.	16.5	17.2	16.9	18.8	16.7	12.5	12.1	15.2	13.2	13.9	14.7	15.8	15.2
P.E.I.	14.1	13.0	13.0	15.0	9.5	7.8	9.1	8.7	8.3	9.1	10.6	12.1	10.8
Nova Scotia	9.9	10.7	9.8	9.2	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.0	7.8	7.7	8.1	8.0	8.4
New Brunswick	11.2	10.6	10.6	11.2	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.5	9.7	8.6	9.1	9.7
Quebec	9.5	9.0	8.9	8.5	8.5	7.4	7.9	8.3	7.6	7.7	7.9	8.3	8.3
Ontario	6.7	7.0	7.3	6.6	7.2	6.6	7.3	7.4	6.1	5.9	5.5	5.6	6.6
Manitoba	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.3	4.7	5.4	4.4	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.8
Saskatchewan	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.1
Alberta	4.8	4.2	3.5	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.7	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.9
B.C.	7.2	7.6	6.7	6.2	6.0	5.5	6.3	6.3	5.1	4.6	4.5	4.4	5.9
<u>2006</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
Canada	7.2	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.1	5.6	6.7	6.8					
Nfld. & Lab.	18.8	16.7	17.4	18.9	15.9	13.1	11.9	13.8					
P.E.I.	14.3	14.0	15.4	14.6	8.8	7.0	9.4	8.4					
Nova Scotia	9.0	9.5	9.0	8.8	8.0	7.4	7.9	7.8					
New Brunswick	9.8	10.6	10.2	10.7	9.0	7.1	8.6	8.8					
Quebec	9.6	8.9	9.0	8.7	7.6	7.2	7.8	7.8					
Ontario	6.6	6.3	6.5	6.1	6.1	5.8	7.2	7.1					
Manitoba	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.9	3.6	3.0	4.8	5.3					
Saskatchewan	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.2	4.4	4.1	4.6	5.8					
Alberta	4.0	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.8	4.5					
B.C.	5.8	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.9	3.9	5.1	5.4					

TABLE 6**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR CANADIAN CITIES**

	<u>August 2006</u>	<u>July 2006</u>	<u>August 2005</u>
St. John's	8.8	7.6	9.3
Halifax	5.1	5.8	4.4
Saint John	7.5	7.0	8.8
Quebec	4.8	4.3	6.2
Montreal	8.3	8.5	9.0
Ottawa	6.0	5.9	8.7
Toronto	7.5	7.6	7.4
Sudbury	9.1	6.7	8.1
Winnipeg	5.4	5.1	6.0
Regina	5.3	5.1	5.6
Saskatoon	5.5	4.5	6.1
Calgary	3.8	3.7	3.8
Edmonton	5.0	4.3	5.0
Vancouver	4.9	4.8	6.9
Victoria	4.8	3.4	5.0

TABLE 7

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER
(3-month moving averages)**

<u>Total Population</u>	<u>Labour Force</u> <u>('000)</u>	<u>Employed</u> <u>('000)</u>	<u>Unemployed</u> <u>('000)</u>	<u>Unemployment</u> <u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Participation</u> <u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Employment</u> <u>Rate (%)</u>
August 2006	527.3	501.1	26.2	5.0	70.7	67.2
July 2006	522.8	499.1	23.7	4.5	70.1	66.9
August 2005	521.4	495.7	25.6	4.9	69.6	66.2
<u>Non-Aboriginal</u>						
August 2006	488.2	467.5	20.7	4.2	71.0	68.0
July 2006	483.9	465.0	18.9	3.9	70.4	67.7
August 2005	484.8	465.3	19.5	4.0	70.1	67.3
<u>Aboriginal</u>						
August 2006	39.0	33.6	5.5	14.0	66.5	57.2
July 2006	38.9	34.1	4.8	12.4	66.4	58.2
August 2005	36.6	30.5	6.1	16.7	63.8	53.1
<u>North American Indian</u>						
August 2006	16.1	12.5	3.6	22.3	60.4	47.0
July 2006	16.4	13.3	3.1	19.1	61.7	49.9
August 2005	15.0	11.8	3.2	21.3	57.5	45.3
<u>Métis</u>						
August 2006	22.9	21.0	1.9	8.1	71.5	65.7
July 2006	22.5	20.8	1.7	7.5	70.4	65.1
August 2005	21.5	18.6	2.9	13.5	69.0	59.7

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for June are an average of the three months ending in June (April, May and June).
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

